

On Revolution

it's not love alone that turns the world  
or doubtless it would stop.

The Tendency's to Say

"I STRUGGLE,  
Going forth each day  
Plated like an armadillo  
Against the world.  
The problem of evil's foremost in my mind,  
And wasn't it Ramakrishna  
Called the snake a fool  
That neither hissed nor bit  
When the occasion complained."  
Yet armor tears the skin  
That's thin beneath.

on Ted Kennedy's refusal to be used by the democratic party.

"... losing two brothers by the assassin's bullet;  
suffering incredible pain ..."

-- Hubert Humphrey, July 28, 1968  
NBC News

excuse me,  
I hadn't heard about that.  
what was the name of the family again?  
no, I'm not mocking you.  
I've been to Vietnam, the Middle East,  
Biafra, and Harlem,  
and it's gotten difficult to remember who's dying where,  
and what were their names.

BRACINGS -- CONSOLATIONS FOR MARTA ON HAVING TO GET  
BRACES FOR HER TEETH.

brace 1:

it's the world needs straightening  
from teeth to toes;  
it's the heart needs bracing  
from the world's crooked teeth.

brace, 2:

where is the seat of the soul, Li Po?  
not in the teeth.